

getting English or other plants,
so far as I may be able.

My occupations in my parish, &
in classical & historical studies

prevent me from carrying out
botany to any very great perfection,
but I have always been very partial
to it, & the family (the Richens)
I have now formed a very considerable
collection: besides having got together
a large pile of phanerogamous plants
from Germany, Italy, Switzerland

P.S. Pray believe me

my dear Sir

This very truly

Churchill Babington

P.S. You must have seen Cambridge but superficially
cannot you visit it again & stay in it this winter.

P.S. Your *Anacharis* S. John's coll.
has escaped out of the
botanic garden into the
Can., & is the plague of
my life, when I am fishing.

Cambridge.

July 28. 1851.

My dear Sir,

I am truly obliged for your
kind offer respecting the N. American
Ferns, w^t I most gladly embrace.
My collection contains very few N.
American species about 8 perhaps,
principally of the genera *Lycopodium*
& *Brachythecium*. I do not venture

to ask for the rarest species w^t will be
better known & better known, but
all such species as you can procure
without any difficulty or inconvenience

Will be greatly valued by me; not
excluding your very commonest species.
I am always very glad to have the
same plant from remote countries,
partly for the sake of perceiving its
geographical distribution & partly
to see the effect of climate & -

There are some lichens in my
collection from almost all parts
between Kotzebue's Sound & Cape Horn.

Some time ago I had hoped to have
formed a regular correspondence with
an American botanist, Mr. Le Roy
of N. York: he sent over about 50
Phanerogamous plants & ferns to
my cousin, who handed them

over to me, & transferred their
connection w^{ch} he had in the New
gateian at the same time.
to which Mr. Le Roy seemed to agree.
I accordingly sent him over
a very considerable number of
English flowering plants 3 or 4
hundred perhaps, containing
many capital species: but I have
heard no more of him: perhaps
he is dead. This was ⁱⁿ 1844, if
I remember.

I hope it is unnecessary to
add that it will always give
me great pleasure to do any
thing for you in the way of